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In re: Conkling et al. Confirmation No.: 4291
Serial No.: 09/941,042 Group Art Unit: 1638
Filed: August 28, 2001 Examiner: A. Kubelik
For: *NUCLEIC ACIDS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING TRANSGENIC PLANTS
CONTAINING MOLECULAR DECOYS*

Date: October 13, 2004

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR § 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated April 13, 2004 at least twice rejected or finally rejecting claims 1 and 4-73.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$340.00 for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

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A petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) and check in the amount of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Also enclosed: **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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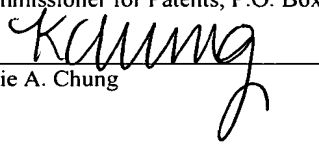
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